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- I. Claims 1-64 and 79, drawn to a woven graft, classified in class 623, subclass 1.51.
- II. Claims 65-78, drawn to a method of weaving a graft, classified in class 19, subclass 387R.

Applicant elects to prosecute Group I, claims 1-64 and 79.

Furthermore, the Examiner alleges that the claims are directed towards the following distinct species:

Specie A: Figs. 1-4, and

Specie B: Fig. 5.

Applicant elects Species A, i.e., Figs. 1-4.

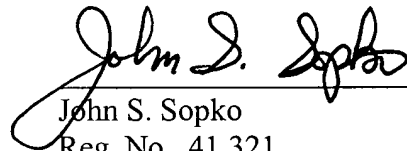
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-64 and 79 read on Species A as defined by the Examiner of Group I with claims 1-64 and 79 being generic within this group.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-2461. Such authorization includes authorization to charge fees for extensions of time, if any, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 and also should be treated as a constructive petition for an extension of time in this reply or any future reply pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John S. Sopko", is written over a horizontal line.

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